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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:****Please enter the following amended claims:**

3. (Amended) A method according to either claim 1, characterized in that the operational status of the highest priority signaling D channel is regularly tested (17) when said channel is not in service.

4. (Amended) A method according claim 1, characterized in that the use of one or more B channels is neutralized (23) if the D channel in service is not sufficiently functional.

5. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that an access provides thirty B channels.